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1. SUMMARY: DURING DAKAR VISIT, UNITA REPRESENTATIVE KAKUMBA

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MARQUES CALLED FOR "EURO-AFRICAN COLLABORATION" IN GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST SOVIET IMPERIALISM. HE SAID UNITA'S EXPERIENCED GUERILLAS WERE PREPARED TO SPEND TWENTY YEARS FIGHTING IN BUSH. HE CRITICIZED MPLA FOR ACCORDS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, CALLED FOR REMOVAL OF SOVIET/CUBAN LIBERATION ARMY AND DENOUNCED PLAN TO SETTLE CUBAN FAMILIES IN ANGOLA. HE SAID UNITA HAD SHOT DOWN PLANE PILOTED BY AFRICANS FROM "REVOLUTIONARY" COUNTRY. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE, KAKUMBA TRADED INSULTS WITH ALGERIAN AND NOVOSTKI REPRESENTATIVE UNTIL LATTER WALKED OUT. UNITA SPOKESMEN PROVIDED SENEGALESE WITH COVENIENT VEHICLE FOR PUBLICIZING DANGERS OF SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION, AND MAY BE SERVING SAME FUNCTION FOR PRC, TO WHICH KAKUMBA IS BEGINNING EXTENDED VISIT. END SUMMARY

2. UNITA SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS KAKUMBA MARQUES HELD PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 9 IN DAKAR TO VOW CONTINUED STRUGGLE FOR "TOTAL LIBERATION OF ANGOLA." JOURNALISTS PRESENT INCLUDED VISITING

WALL STREET JOURNAL EUROPEAN BUREAU CHIEF. KAKUMBA SAID SAVIMBI SPENT EIGHT YEARS IN BUSH FIGHTING PORTUGUESE AND WAS PREPARED TO SPEND TWENTY MORE IN PRESENT STRUGGLE. QUOTING MAO ANALOGY TO FISH IN WATER, HE INSISTED THAT POPULATION WOULD NEVER BETRAY UNITA FORCES TO MINORITY MPLA GOVERNMENT. UNITA, AS GUERILLA SPECIALISTS, NOW HAD ADVANTAGE AND COULD FIGHT WITHOUT EXTERNAL AID BY USING ARMS BEING CAPTURED FROM MPLA. UNITA HAD ALREADY STAGED ATTACKS AT DONDO, LOBITO AND IN EAST. UNITA HIGH COMMAND REMAINED IN ANGOLA AND WOULD NOT LEAVE COUNTRY. KAKUMBA SAID THERE NO FNLA
MILTARY ELEMENTS WITH UNITA; "WE DON'T KNOW
WHERE THEY ARE." WHEN ASKED IF UNITA DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE MPLA VICTORY, HE REPLIED, "WHAT VICTORY?", AND ASSERTED THAT MPLA WOULD HAVE TO MASSACRE ENTIRE POPULATION TO CLAIM COMPLETE VICTORY.

3. KAKUMBA EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT THAT, AFTER USING RACIST THREAT AS PRETEXT FOR SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION, MPLA HAD NOW ENTERED INTO ACCORD WITH SOUTH AFRICANS. HE CALLED FOR TOTAL REMOVAL OF SOVIET/CUBAN "OCCUPATION ARMY," IN WAKE OF SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL. HE CLAIMED CONAKRY SUMMIT (CONAKRY 0541) HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON SETTLING 80,000 CUBANS IN CELA ZONE.
CUBAN PRISONERS WITH UNITA HAD INCREASED FROM 45 TO 75 SINCE UNITA HAD RETURNED TO BUSH. KAKUMBA DISTRIBUTED GLOSSY PHOTOS OF
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DISMEMBERED BODIES WHICH HE BLAMED ON CUBAN PRESENCE. SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAD ALSO SENT MERCENARIES TO ANGOLA, AND LAST PLANE SHOT DOWN BY UNITA WAS PILOTED BY "TWO AFRICANS FROM VERY ILLUSTRIOUS COUNTRY WHICH CALLS ITSELF "REVOLUTIONARY." KAKUMBA WAS CAREFUL TO AVOID ALL CRITICISM OF ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA FOR OVERTURES TOWARD MPLA, AND SAID QUESTION ON US POLICY TOWARD MPLA SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

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4. KAKUMBA DISTRIBUTED TRACT ATTACKING GLOBAL "SOVIET IMPERIALISM" AIMED AT ENSLAVEMENT OF PEOPLES. USSR AND CUBA EXERCISED "BARBAROUS COERCION" AGAINST ANGOLAN PEOPLE WHO, THROUGH UNITA, ARE DEFENDING LIBERTY OF WESTERN WORLD. WEST, WHICH IS INFILTRATED AND BLACKMAILED BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM, SEEKS TO IGNORE THIS TRAGEDY. "DETENTE" AND "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" ARE MYTHS OF WHICH USSR IS MASTER. "SOVIET IMPERIALISM MUST BE COMBATTEDAND VANQUISHED WHEREVER IT SHOWS ITSELF AND IN WHATEVER FORM" GLOBAL FIGHT MUST BE ORGANIZED AGAINST SUBVERSIVE COMMUNIST WARFARE. TRACT URGED "EURO-AFRICAN COLLABORATIN" TO RESIST INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM. SECOND TRACT DOCUMENTED ABUSE OF ANGOLAN WOMEN BY "NON-PORTUGUESE SPEAKING SOLDIERS."

5. KAKUMBA WAS SUBJECTED TO DERISIVE SNICKERS FROM GENERALLY SKEPTICAL PRESS CORPS. FINDING HIMSELF INCREASINGLY ON DEFENSIVE, KAKUMBA LOST CUSTOMARY APLOMB AND TRADED PERSONAL INSULTS. HE CALLED INCREDULOUS ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE "DEMAGOGUE," ASSERTING THAT MPLA ENVISAGED COUNTRY "LIKE YOURS--WITHOUT ELECTIONS." KAKUMBA REFERRED QUESTION ON SIZE OF SOVIET PRESENCE IN ANGOLA TO NOVOSTI REPRESENTATIVE, WHO INDIGNANTLY STALKED OUT OF ROOM.

6. COMMENT: WHILE, TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, UNITA DOES NOT RPT NOT MAINTAIN OFFICE IN DAKAR, KAKUMBA MARQUES HAS BEEN FREQUENT VISITOR. ALTHOUGH SENEGAL'S CONTINUED REFUSAL TO SEVER ITS TIES WITH UNITA HAS LEFT IT INCREASINGLY ISOLATED IN AFRICA, TRAVELLING UNITA SPOKESMEN PROVIDE CONVENIENT VEHICLE FOR SPOTLIGHTING DANGERS OF SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA IN MORE FORCEFUL TERMS THAN SENEGALESE THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO USE PUBLICLY. WE PRESUME CHINESE INTERESTS ARE ALSO BEING SERVED BY UNITA RHETORIC. KAKUMBA WAS SEEN IN COMPANY OF CHINESE AND NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES AT OFFICIAL FUNCTION IN DAKAR LAST WEEK
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AND, AT END OF PRESS CONFERENCE, HE ACKNOWLEDGED HE WAS BEGINNING THREE-MONTH TRIP TO CHINA AND OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES (WITH TRANSIT STOP IN FRANCE).
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